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LIONS CLUB PLAN MERKEL "COW DAY"

TEXAS MOTORISTS WILL PROFIT BY NEW LOWER FEES

License Plates for 1930 to Cost From One-Half to Two-Thirds Current Year's Charges; \$11,000,000 Saved.

Austin, Oct. 31.—Texas automobile owners will have \$11,000,000 pocket change left over in January when they register their cars for the new year, as compared with the costs this year.

The four-cent gasoline tax will gradually absorb much of this, having been raised from two cents this mid-year, but this will be taken so gradually that it will be painless.

LICENSE FEES REDUCED.

License fees for 1930 will range from one-half to two-thirds this year's cost. Light cars will run just half, with a sliding scale based wholly on weight, ranging up to two-thirds the old fees on the heaviest passenger cars.

The reduction will average \$10 each on the 1,100,000 cars to be registered. Registration cannot start until Jan. 1, the attorney general's department has ruled, and must be finished before midnight of Feb. 1.

Present combined weight and horsepower basis for fixing the license fees has been abolished, and weight alone will govern the fees in 1930. A scale of weights and costs has been prepared, by which the owner of a car may figure out for himself what his new number plates will cost him. Weight of his car can be ascertained from his present registration slip. To this 100 pounds for water, gasoline and oil will be added.

Following is the table of charges on the various weight brackets:

Weight—	Cts. per 100 Lbs.
Up to 2000	28
2001-3500	36
3501-4500	48
4501 up	50

COMPARISON OF CHARGES.

Comparisons on this year and next year's registration costs on representative models are given below:

Car—Model—	Present	1930
Ford, T	\$11.20	\$ 5.04
Ford, A, sedan	17.20	9.30
Ford, A, coupe	16.20	8.64
Chevrolet 6, coach	16.50	9.00
Whippet, sedan, 4	16.00	8.64
Whippet, touring, 4	14.50	7.56
Whippet, 6, sedan	17.03	9.36
Plymouth, touring	16.00	8.64
Plymouth, sedan	17.00	9.00
Chrysler, 65, sedan	19.53	10.80
Chrysler, 80, sedan	30.88	21.12
Dodge, 6, sedan	19.22	10.44
Studebaker, 6, sedan	21.72	12.24
Studebaker, 8, sedan	32.02	20.16
Buick, light sedan	27.70	18.24
Buick, heavy sedan	32.35	21.12
Cadillac, sedan	40.67	23.50

These cars are closely comparable in weights with other makes in the various ranges, so that they give a close indication of the costs of registering each car in January.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of the Merkel Mail, October 29, 1909.)

L. E. Sanders has sold his interest in the Merkel Pool Hall to J. J. Strange, who came here last Friday from Clifton, Arizona.

Mrs. J. E. Pitzer and daughter, Miss Liska, are attending the Dallas Fair this week.

Greene, the photographer, Studio open from 8 till 4.

Fred Gigham left Thursday night for Big Spring.

J. T. Warren made a three hour drive to Hawley Sunday morning in his large touring car. He left here at 7:30, returning by 10:30 in time for the preaching service.

Who discovered the North Pole? We didn't but we want to discover you as one of our customers. If you ever trade with us once, you will come again.

Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

J. J. Ledbetter, 65, of Midland died Monday of injuries received Saturday night when a car crashed into a wagon on which he was riding.

Anderson Putman, 50, of Dawson was instantly killed late Monday by a Cotton Belt passenger train as he was walking across the tracks.

Rev. George Green, pastor of the First Baptist church at Austin, has accepted a call from the First Baptist church of Sweetwater.

J. V. Daigles, 28, was electrocuted at Port Neches when he came into contact with a short-circuited motor driven steel brush on a turbine still.

Nine women were among the 105 candidates for licenses to practice law who appeared before the state board of legal examinations at Austin Monday.

Fire believed to have originated in a trash chute Monday destroyed Beeson hall, men's dormitory at Trinity university, with a loss estimated at about \$40,000.

Woodrow Bailey, 16, who had been on a picnic was killed near his home in El Paso when a boulder weighing at least a half ton rolled on him on Mount Franklin.

A light blow from a horse's hoof, received in a goat roping contest a week ago, resulted in the death of Charles McMullen Henley, a rancher living near San Marcos.

H. L. Hutchinson, pioneer business man of Colorado, was elected mayor in a special election held there Tuesday over R. H. Ratliff, attorney, by a vote of 289 to 225.

L. B. Campbell, for several years manager of the Grace hotel at Abilene and of the Crazy Hotel at Mineral Wells, has been made manager of the Laguna hotel at Cisco.

Rev. W. R. White, pastor of the First Baptist church at Lubbock, was Tuesday elected secretary of the state Baptist executive board to succeed Dr. T. L. Holcomb, resigned.

W. Grady Kinsolving, publisher of the Corpus Christi Times, has been selected as general chairman of committees of the South Texas chamber of commerce convention to be held at Corpus Christi Nov. 18 and 19.

Martial law at Borger, which was effective September 29, was lifted from Hutchinson county, Panhandle oil community, at 4 p. m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, although the soldiers were withdrawn from there Oct. 18.

J. C. Watson, who has been assistant secretary of the Abilene chamber of commerce for the past three years, has assumed his duties as secretary of the chamber of commerce at Stamford. Mr. Watson was formerly editor of the Dawson County Journal at Lamesa.

The proposed \$4,000,000 school bond issue at Fort Worth was overwhelmingly defeated Saturday by a vote of almost two to one against the bonds. The Fort Worth voters also turned down the proposition to take over the obligations of the Handley School district.

Hon. E. M. Overshiner, the county attorney, had professional business in our midst this week.

Grandma Young left Tuesday for Caps to visit relatives for a few days.

We understand that W. Parten has sold his residence situated on Bettis Heights to Arthur Sears for the amount of \$5,000.00, taking a farm in the Canyon on the trade.

Miss Maude Martin went to Abilene Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. E. V. White.

J. P. C. Hunt, advertising man of the Star store, was at the Fair this week.

Mrs. W. H. Dickson entertained the Zenobia Club Friday. Ladies on the program were Mesdames John Cockran, W. E. Brown, Porter, Warren, Harris, John Hamm, Daniels, Will Berry, Mackey.

BADGERS VS. ANSON TIGERS CRUCIAL DISTRICT BATTLE LOCAL FIELD 3:30 TODAY

At 3:30 this afternoon the Badgers will play the Anson Tigers, the game to be staged in Lassiter's pasture, six blocks west of the High School. Interest is keen in the contest, as local fans have been unusually loyal to the team this season, and a large crowd is expected to see the game.

At the same time Merkel is playing Anson, Haskell will play at home with Hamlin. A victory for Merkel, coupled with a loss for Haskell, would give Merkel the leadership of the eastern section, and vice versa, as far as Haskell is concerned.

On the following Friday, Merkel plays Hamlin, while Haskell will meet Stamford and on the outcome of the contests today and next Friday the defender of the eastern section will be determined. Should Merkel and Haskell both win both of their games, they would meet each other to play off the tie, the winner to meet the leader from the western section. Roscoe seems to be slated for the honors in the western section.

WTCC COMES TO ABILENE 1930

Neighboring City Selected Without Contest at El Paso Meeting Last Week.

El Paso, Texas, Oct. 31.—With a comparatively new code and a brand-new plan of organization the West Texas Chamber of Commerce cleared the boards here late Saturday and embarked on a new year.

W. B. Hamilton, oil man, who has been leader in the oil activities of the chamber, is the new president of the West Texas organization. He defeated C. E. Coombes of Stamford by a vote of 19 to 15 in a meeting of the new directorate Saturday afternoon and the election was made unanimous. Pat Williams, Mineral Wells, banker who had been a potential candidate and was leader in the demand for a complete overhauling of the plan of organization, nominated Mr. Hamilton for the presidency. Mr. Coombes and Houston Harte, San Angelo newspaper publisher, were elected vice presidents.

The new board of directors elected after noon in a long session requested President Hamilton to call a meeting of the directors between now and Nov. 16, and at that time the organization will be completed. Until then the present staff of secretaries will remain at work under direction of President Hamilton.

There was no contest over the 1930 convention city and it was given to Abilene with general acclaim when Mayor Thomas E. Hayden, Jr., extended an invitation and a welcome on behalf of his city.

Miss Elizabeth Jobe, Sweetwater, High School girl, came off triumphant in the "My Home Town" speaking contest Saturday afternoon in competition with two other girls and a boy in the finals. Cline Starnes of San Angelo, the only boy surviving as a competitor, was given second place. Louise Briggs of Del Rio and Fredia Merl Read of Colorado City were the other contestants.

Miss Jobe's victorious discourse was a toast to her home town, Sweetwater, a community whose citizenship is 90 per cent native born. A. P. Duggan of Littlefield, former president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, presented Miss Jobe with the loving cup that went with victory. W. J. Adair, publicity manager of the West Texas Chamber, had charge of the contest.

Halloween Display Featured in Window

The advent of Halloween was emphasized by the decorations in the north window of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and the careful attention to detail which has been given to this feature is a tribute to the handiwork of W. S. J. Brown, one of the tellers of this institution. In typical orange and black, the colors of the Halloween season, witches, goblins, pumpkins and black cats are featured in the setting around the black cauldron of the land of witches.

The illuminations at night have added to the attraction of the display and it has aroused the interest and comment of many passers-by.

DETAILS GIVEN FOR FILING BLANKS FOR POSITION AS CLERK

An open competitive examination under the rules of the U. S. Civil Service commission is announced for the position of post office clerk in the post office at Merkel, Texas. Receipt of applications will close November 22, 1929.

Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form, which with necessary instructions, may be obtained from the commission's local representative; Secretary, U. S. Civil Service Board, at the post office, Merkel, Texas, or from the secretary of the Tenth Civil Service district, 288 Customhouse building, New Orleans, La.

All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and file their applications prior to the hour of closing business on the date above specified.

The date of assembling of competitors will be stated in the admission cards mailed applicants after the close of the receipt of applications.

Heavy Loss When Barn Burns Here

Fire about 5:20 Friday morning, which originated when a lantern exploded in the feed barn, destroyed the large barn and practically all of its contents belonging to Homer Patterson about one-half mile north of the city limits, causing a loss estimated by Mr. Patterson at several thousand dollars. Contents of the barn were 50 tons of maize, 1,250 bushels of oats, 2,200 bales of hay, saddles and harness and, besides these, a large number of chickens were burned. The loss is only partially covered by insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, who were in Brownwood at the time visiting Mrs. Patterson's sister, Mrs. Truman Harlow, were reached on the telephone and came to Merkel immediately. One of the men attending to the milking and chores about the place was the only one in the barn at the time of the fire.

Record of Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Herring at Noodle Dome, a baby girl, Oct. 24, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Kirby, Trent, a baby boy, Oct. 26, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonald, Trent, a baby girl, named Dorothy Pearl, Oct. 25, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Garrison, of Stith, a baby girl, Oct. 25, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson, Stith, a baby boy, Oct. 25, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cozart, west of Trent, a baby girl, Oct. 25, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. Ely, residing east of town, a baby girl, Oct. 30, 1929.

Week of Prayer.

The following program has been announced for the Week of Prayer to be given Tuesday at the Methodist church:

Song, Prayer, Scripture readings, "Meditation on Goodness of God," Mrs. C. B. Smith. Song, "Realizing the Power of God," Mrs. Richards. Duet, Mrs. Pee and Mrs. Scott. Devotional, Brother Willett. Lunch hour. Song, Devotional, Mrs. Whiteley. Prayer, "Finding God Through Human Fellowship," Mrs. Hutcheson. Music, Miss Lottie Butman. Reading, Mrs. McSpadden. "Our Gifts, a Memorial," Mrs. Touchstone. Solo, Mrs. Fred C. Hughes.

Cotton Receipts.

Only 150 bales of cotton were received at the local cotton yard during the week up to noon Thursday, according to the records of T. A. Bearden, public weigher, bringing the total for the season up to 4,590 bales. Of this number 1,221 bales still remain in the yard, while 3,369 bales have been shipped out.

Californian Sends Subscription.

The Merkel Mail acknowledges receipt of subscription order with remittance from Mrs. E. Brooks of Corcoran, Calif., who is a sister of B. B. Reynolds of the Nubia community but who is now residing in the California city.

WILL SET TIME FOR BIG EVENT AT EARLY DATE

Plans in Charge of Three Committees With Charlie Jones as Chairman; Lions Club Will Sell Cow for \$1.00.

Merkel is to have a "Cow Day." Definite date has not been determined as yet, but the movement crystallized at the meeting of the Lions club Tuesday and a double committee of four each, with Charlie Jones as general chairman, has the complete plans in charge.

The latter was toastmaster and after the club singing led by E. Yates Brown and the invocation by Rev. Ira L. Parrack the hour was devoted entirely to working out the details for the inauguration of "Cow Day," when a cow will be sold by the Lions Club for \$1.00. It is also planned to sell a sow pig for the same price and on the same date.

B. E. Hamilton, a banker, and E. W. Altman, a merchant, both of Roscoe, were guests of the club and outlined the methods used by their club in the promotion of "Cow Day" in their city. The object serves both to encourage dairying and to draw trade to the city behind the plan.

The original committee from the Lions Club was Charlie Jones, Stan Johnson, W. O. Boney and R. O. Anderson and the new committee added to work with them is composed of L. B. Scott, W. A. Sheppard and Sam Swann.

A committee to purchase cows was named as follows: Rufe Tittle, Dr. H. P. Hulsey and Chas. K. Russell.

The only other guest of the club at the Tuesday meeting was Dr. W. M. Gambill.

At the close of the meeting the Lions roar was given for the two visitors from Roscoe and the secretary was instructed to pass a formal vote of thanks to these two gentlemen in behalf of the Lions Club.

It is understood that Merkel's "Cow Day" will be in the next 15 days or three weeks, but the date is to be announced later.

Mrs. Speck's Father Buried at Houston

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Speck returned Saturday night from Houston where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. Speck's father, Edward McGar, 60, who was killed in El Paso Oct. 4 but whose body remained unidentified for more than two weeks. The burial was held in Houston on Thursday, Oct. 24.

While crossing the street in El Paso on Oct. 4 Mr. McGar stepped from behind a street car and was knocked down by a passing automobile. He died before he reached the sanitarium. The only means of identification on Mr. McGar's person was a telegram from his son in Oklahoma, but a wire to his son there remained unclaimed for nearly two weeks, due to the fact that he had left there. When the son returned to the Oklahoma address, he received the telegram and went at once to El Paso.

Besides the daughter here, Mrs. J. L. Speck, Mr. McGar is survived by his wife, four other daughters and four sons, a sister, two brothers and nine grandchildren.

Cattle Movement.

Ed. E. Beck of Sylvester bought two cars of calves locally during the past few days and shipped one car day to the Fort Worth market and the other car on the day to Sylvester to fatten.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainers or visitors in Merkel as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please phone 61 or 29.

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HERBERT PATTERSON,
Assistant Cashier
B. L. HAMILTON,
Assistant Cashier

Workers Conference To Convene Monday Sweetwater Church

The workers' conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association will convene at Sweetwater with the First Baptist church on Monday, Nov. 4, and the following is the program which has been announced:

10 a. m.—Devotional, Rev. Fitzgerald, Sweetwater.

10:15 a. m.—Benefits of Ministerial Comradship, R. M. McGinnis.

10:45 to 11:15 a. m.—Christian Fellowship, Fellowship of Life—"Joined Together," Eph. 4:16, (ten minutes.) C. C. Sewell. Fellowship of organization—"Framed Together," Eph. 2:21, (ten minutes.) J. G. Moore. Fellowship of Service—"Builded Together," Eph. 2:22, (ten minutes.) G. W. Lowrie.

11:15 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. Henry M. Melton.

NOON LUNCH.

1:30 p. m.—Meeting of executive board and W. M. U.

2 p. m.—Relieving our Present Obligation on Association Missions, Walter Jackson.

2:30 p. m.—Our Duty concerning State Mission Round-Up, C. A. Powell.

3 p. m.—Inspirational address, Dr. George Green.

Four T. C. U. Girls Studying Medicine

Fort Worth, Oct. 31.—Four girls in Texas Christian University are planning to become physicians and are taking their pre-medical work in T. C. U. These four are Misses Maxine Edwards, Oakwood; Frances Allen, Fort Worth; Alice Robinson, Waco, and Mrs. Emilou Robbins, Fort Worth.

After her work in T. C. U. Miss Edwards plans to enter Vanderbilt, where she will specialize in brain surgery. Miss Allen has not yet decided where she will complete her medical course. She will specialize in psychiatry. Miss Robinson also intends to continue her studies at Vanderbilt, specializing in obstetrics. Mrs. Robbins plans to take up the study of Pediatrics at Baylor Medical College after her work in T. C. U. is completed.

Democratic Hall to Be Used For Fair

Houston, Oct. 31.—The huge hall here where Alfred E. Smith was nominated for president will resound again to the tramp of many feet in its capacity as quarters for the third annual South Texas Exposition October 30 to November 9.

Harry S. Ford, general manager, said he expected more than half a million people would visit the huge chamber. All concession space, he added, has been sold and practically all the display room reserved. One of the many agricultural exhibits will be that of Texas A. & M. college.

One feature will be the presence of licensed pilots from a local aviation school. They will answer any question asked about flying.

Mrs. Goodhue, Mother Mrs. Coolidge Buried

Northampton, Mass., Oct. 31.—Funeral services for Mrs. Elmira Goodhue, mother of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, were held here Saturday at the Edwards Congregational church. Rev. Kenneth B. Welles of Albany, N. Y., who officiated at the funeral of Calvin Coolidge, Jr., conducted the services.

Prince of Wales Is Licensed Air Pilot

London, Oct. 31.—The Prince of Wales, Britain's intrepid heir to the throne, who recently qualified practice ensed air pilot by constant practice and great daring, has become one of the finest airmen of the country, according to the Daily Express.

A famous flying officer, who has closely followed Wales' flying adventures, says:

"Wales is one of the best airmen of the country today."

The prince accompanied by his new pilot, E. H. Fieldan, in his new DH-Gypsy-Moth plane, bought for private use, has been secretly spending much of his leisure time at the R. A. F. air-drome at Northholt. Here he practices landings, and made as many as 15 landings in one afternoon.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

The violin has remained virtually unchanged in shape or substance for 300 years.

HEBRON NEWS

There will be preaching at Hebron Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark visited Mrs. Clark's brother, Charlie West at Merkel Sunday evening.

Paul Pannell entertained friends with a party Saturday night.

Robert Louise Skidmore of Golan spent the week-end with friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver and children are moving to Arizona this week.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

TOUGH GOING



But not if you come here and exercise the proper precautions by supplying your car with superior Conoco Gasoline and the very best of oils. Pure gasoline and pure oils are necessary for perfect motor satisfaction, and that is what we dispense, plus courteous service at all times. The same high standard is maintained in our garage service.

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Merkel, Texas

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Have you felt the thrill of its six-cylinder performance—so smooth, quiet and vibrationless that you almost forget there's a motor?

Have you known the satisfaction of its six-cylinder reserve power—ready to shoot you ahead at the traffic light, to carry you over the steepest hills, or to speed you along the highway?

And do you know that anyone who can afford any car can own a Chevrolet Six?

If you have never driven a six-cylinder car, it is impossible for you to form any idea of Chevrolet performance from your imagination alone.

Smoothness! No rumble in the body—no tremble in the steering wheel—no vibration to loosen windows and doors!

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Quiet! Hardly a whisper from the motor. You can drive it for hours without the slightest noise fatigue! But why try to tell you the story when only a ride can give you the facts? Come in. There's a car waiting for you. Now!

The Roadster, \$525; The Phaeton, \$525; The Coach, \$595; The Coupe, \$595; The Sport Coupe, \$645; The Sedan, \$675; The Imperial Sedan, \$895; The Sedan Delivery, \$595; Light Delivery (Chassis only), \$400; 1½-Ton Truck (Chassis only), \$545; 1½-Ton Truck (Chassis with Cab), \$650. All prices f. o. b. factory, Flint, Michigan.

Consider the delivered price as well as the list (f. o. b.) price when comparing automobile values. Chevrolet delivered prices include only authorized charges for freight and delivery, and the charge for any additional accessories or financing desired. (41)

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Merkel, Texas

MASSEY-WOODS CHEVROLET CO., TRENT, TEXAS

A SIX IN THE PRICE RANGE OF THE FOUR

Fall Convicted of Taking Bribe From His Friend Doheny

Washington, Oct. 31.—Two defiantly tried men—Albert B. Fall and L. Doheny—whose youthful friendship of prospecting days in the West after one had become a set officer and the other a millionaire oil operator, heard a \$100,000 transaction between them in 1921 branded bribery Friday by a federal jury.

Fall was convicted of accepting that sum as secretary of the interior in return for granting the Elk Hills oil lease to a Doheny company in the first conviction for felony by a cabinet officer in history, and likewise the first in any of the criminal cases growing out of the oil scandals of the Harding administration.

Owen J. Roberts, special government council, announced efforts would be made to try Doheny next January for giving a bribe.

A portentous stillness settled over the jammed courtroom as the jury filed in. This was soon broken by each of the eight men and four women jurors rising to say Fall had been adjudged a dishonest man but to recommend that he be extended mercy by the court. Throughout the trial and previously he has been ill.

The 68-year-old invalid from New Mexico, whom the supreme court denounced as a "faithless public officer" because of the oil transaction, slumped weakly in his tall chair with head bowed. If the verdict stands, he is liable to a fine up to \$300,000 and to imprisonment up to three years.

He was comforted immediately by the woman he married in 1883. Vigorously brushing those between them aside, Mrs. Fall threw her arms around him and wept while he embraced her silently.

She's Alive, Heart's Not in Right Place

Kirkville, Mo., Oct. 31.—Mrs. William W. Wilson's heart is not in the right place. She owes her life to that fact.

Mrs. Williams was in an automobile which police commandeered to follow two fleeing thieves. A gun battle occurred. Mrs. Williams was shot through the spot where her heart was presumed to be. But she lived.

In a hospital an X-ray picture disclosed that her heart was on the right side of her body. She will probably recover.

A LETTER FROM HOME.

Your son or daughter off at college or finishing school will welcome the home paper just like a letter from home. The subscription price for nine months for the Merkel Mail is \$1.50 for towns and cities outside of Taylor County. (In Abilene \$1.15 for term.) Subscribe now.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Greenville Farmer's Wife Recommends Orgatone

"My Wife Has Suffered Since 1914 With a Run Down Condition and Stomach Trouble," Says J. T. Hagler.

"My wife has had indigestion," said J. T. Hagler, residing on Rural Route No. 4, Greenville, Texas, "and has been nervous and all run down and weak in condition. She had that tired draggy feeling and even her house work was a burden to her. In 1914 she had influenza and every since has suffered with a severe case of stomach trouble and indigestion. She was very badly constipated and would have to take strong laxatives all the time.

"Gas would form on her stomach and cause shortness of breath and her heart would almost run away with her, it would beat so fast. She simply felt bad all the time and couldn't get any rest at night.

"We read so much about Orgatone and what it was doing for others, we decided that it might help her," continued Mr. Hagler, "and it certainly has. Her stomach doesn't bother her any more, her general condition is better and her bowels are back to normal and in fact, she feels fine now. She has certainly improved since taking Orgatone."

Genuine Orgatone may be bought in Merkel at Phillips Drug Store.

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Colds, Grippe, Flu, Dengue,
Typhoid Fever and Malaria
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Plan to Preserve Houston Homestead

Dallas, Texas, October 31.—A plan for preserving the old homestead of General Sam Houston against ravages of time and fire is under consideration by the officials of the Texas Historical Society, Judge Tom L. McCullough, well known Texas jurist and member of the Board of directors of the Historical Society, said here this week.

Houston's home at Huntsville, one of the state's most cherished shrines and model of early Texas architecture, is now owned by the state. To protect this structure, which has played such an important part in Texas History, it must be guarded day and night, Judge McCullough said.

"And even then it is not safe," he pointed out. "A small spark fanned into a flame and one of our most invaluable contacts with the early life of the state would go up in smoke."

Judge McCullough said that few, if any, of the old landmarks of Texas are safe from fire. Most of them are constructed of wood which has dried out with years of use. Fear has been expressed by historians in various parts of the state over an over that these shrines might be consumed by fire because they are tinder dry.

"It is my opinion," Judge McCullough said, "that steps should be taken to fire proof General Houston's homestead with an effective fire proofing material. The cost would be small and would be preserved for all time. We owe it to our children to protect these glorious reminders of our history."

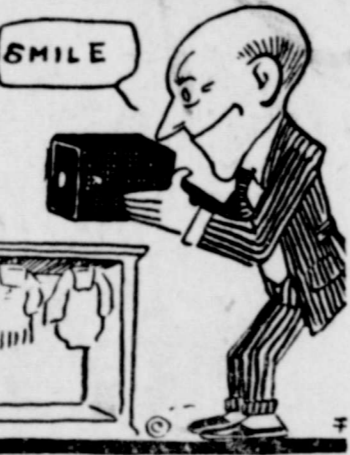
General Washington's home at Mount Vernon, also, is being eternally guarded against conflagration. The old mansion is heavily guarded and by night the watchmen make their rounds. No smoking is permitted near Washington's home nor Houston's.

Texas is first in railroad mileage with 16,429.43 miles. More new construction is under way now than in any other state and will increase that total by several hundred miles within the next year. Illinois with 12,004.17 and Pennsylvania with 11,261.05 are second and third.

Texas has 973.69 miles of electric railway. New York with 4,792.35 is first in electric railway mileage.

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Salt Branch News

Everyone that has grain enjoyed the fine rains Saturday and Sunday nights.

Messrs. Earl Wilson, Raymond Hamby and Lee Roy Taylor of Deport, Texas, were the guests of Henry Wilson and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson entertained a number of friends with a party last Thursday night.

Miss Marie Pinckley left Friday for Pilot Point, Texas, near Denton, where she will teach school this term.

Sunday evening is singing evening and we are expecting a large crowd.

Junior League Program.

Song No. 165. Scripture lesson, Matthew 26:69-75, by Wilbur Willett. Song No. 253. Roll call. Prayer. Story, "Great Scott," by Fern Toombs. Story, "Visiting Africa," by Dot Swafford. Bible story by Nell Hughes. Business meeting. Every Junior is urged to be present next Sunday at 5 o'clock. We need you in our work.

An elephant has about the same length of life as a human being.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Sore Gums-Pyorrhea

Foul breath, loose teeth or sore gums are disgusting to behold, all will agree. Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy is highly recommended by leading dentists and never disappoints. Drug-gists return money if it fails. Phillips Drug Store.

Airplane is Used As Stork's Nest

Miami, Fla., Oct. 1.—A daughter was born Saturday to Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Evans of Miami aboard a large cabin airplane as it circled 1,200 feet above Miami. The baby, a seven and a half-pound girl, was born twenty minutes after the plane took off from the airport here, piloted by a commercial flyer.

Mrs. Evans was attended by Dr. W. A. Haggard of Miami and two nurses.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Thursday night cottage service will be with Brother Abernathy, Jr. We hope many in town will go out, as well as the neighbors close by that home. Lord's day services: 9:45 Bible classes for all; 10:45 devotional and sermon. The subject will be "A Peculiar People," (1 Pet. 2:9); 6:30 development hour; 7:30 sermon, the

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third of a series on conversion; Tuesday 3:00, Bible class for ladies; Wednesday 7:30, prayer meeting.

November 10th will be roll-call day. Let every member make arrangements to worship with the home church that day. We hope it will not be raining.

that day, but that Jesus might call day.

J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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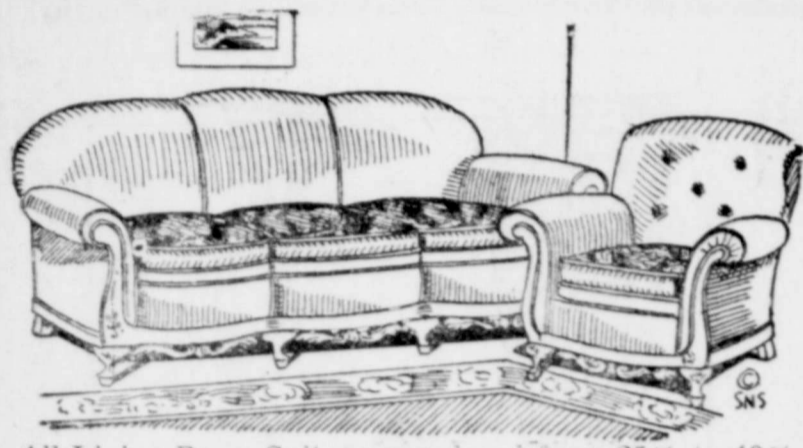
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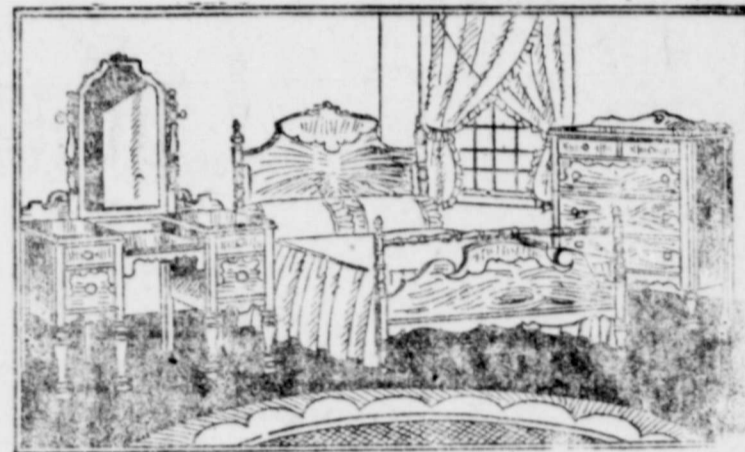


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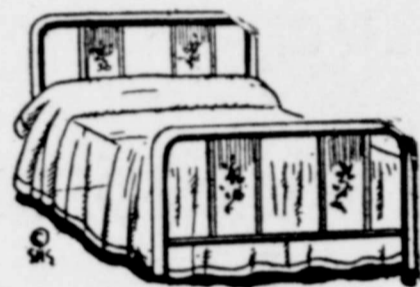
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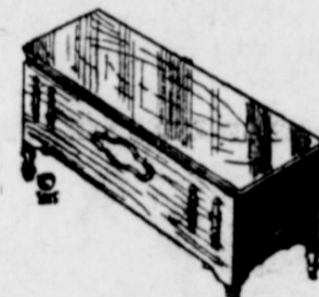
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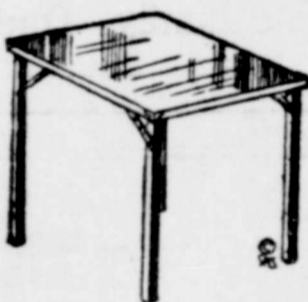
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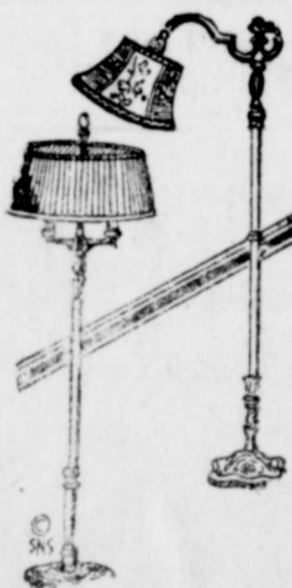


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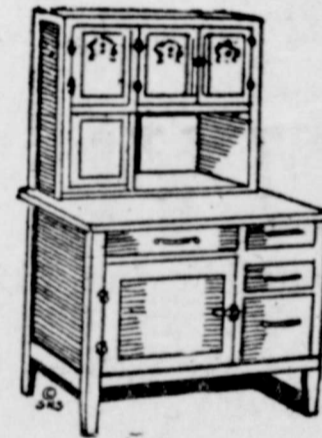
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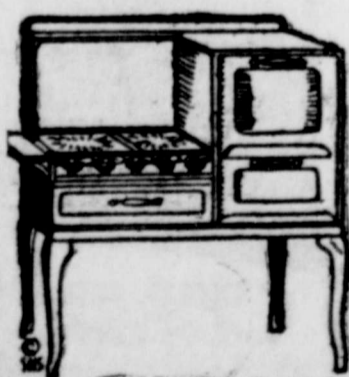
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One Five Piece Breakfast Room Suite reduced from \$20.00 to **\$13.50**
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 An Extra Heavy Guaranteed Bed Spring **\$4.75**

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THE FARM STOCK

MANAGEMENT OF ANY BEEF HERD

Profitable beef production commercially depends upon the grade-cow herd and the use of a good, pure-bred bull, managed so that each generation of cows selected is an improvement upon the preceding one. In order that this may be true the best heifer calves should be kept each year to take the place of barren or shy-breeding cows. All other calves produced may be sold either as weaning calves at six to eight months old, as stockers or feeders at one or two years, or finished as baby beef at from sixteen to twenty months, or as fat steers at an older age.

Small farms in a high state of cultivation and where large quantities of feed are produced may be stocked with breeding cows to their greatest carrying capacity and the calves disposed of at weaning time or fattened as baby beef to advantage. In that way practically no cattle other than the breeding herd are maintained, whereas if the calves were carried over as stockers and feeders to older ages more feed and pasture would be required. This practice is often found to be very profitable. If, on the other hand, a limited quantity of feed is produced on a farm of this kind it would be more profitable to sell the calves at weaning time to men who make a specialty of feeding that kind of cattle for the market.

Breeders who operate large holdings where extensive pastures are available and feed enough is grown to carry the calves through winter as stockers often find it more profitable to carry them to an older age and get more weight per head.

If in either case a certain method for disposing of calves is adopted, more than likely it will become necessary to vary from that method occasionally on account of changes in conditions. Unfavorable years for growing feed may make it necessary to sell the calves at weaning time. Also, on farms where it is intended to carry the calves over as stockers, pastures and winter feed crops may be cut short by drought or some other unforeseen condition, making it necessary to dispose of the calf crop earlier than usual.

Minerals for Range Cattle Are Required

A shortage of phosphorus in the ration often causes cattle to have depraved appetites and even to become lame and emaciated. This trouble may be remedied cheaply and quickly by the use of sterile bonemeal, spent bone-black mixed with equal parts of fine salt and kept before the cattle at all times. A daily feeding of one to two parts cottonseed meal or cottonseed cake also proves effective in the ration of cows.

A fatal disease known as "loin" disease was found by Dr. H. Schmidt of the Texas experiment station to be caused by a filterable virus the cattle get from chewing putrid bones on the range. Bonemeal and salt cured the craving for bones and practically eliminated the disease.

Lessen Danger of Flu Infection Among Hogs

Roomy sheds, open to the south, especially when they are deep enough so the hogs need not be close to the opening, when properly bedded, are about as satisfactory as anything that can be supplied for hogs in the way of cheap shelter. Colony houses, if they are available, may be used to good advantage for brood sows and other hogs during the winter months. The point is, that when hogs are supplied with good shelter where they can keep dry and not be subjected to drafts and where plenty of bedding can be supplied, there will be much less danger of flu infection than where little or no attention is paid to the housing problem.

Live Stock Hints

A good winter ration for fall pigs is one which supplies not only the essentials of a balanced ration, but also the elements which are obtained from direct sunlight and succulent pasture during the summer.

Wintering fall pigs successfully is a real art. Keeping them well bedded and comfortable so that none of them will be overfatted on cold nights and keeping them free from mange seems to be the most important part.

Plenty of fresh water at all times, and heated artificially if possible, will do much to simplify getting a good growth on the fall pig.

Cattle feeders have learned that great weight and a frame capable of putting on great weight are not wanted by the buyers of steers.

If one is so located with regard to neighboring farms that he can allow the fall pigs the free run of the place he is pretty sure to have a good lot of pigs when spring comes.

LIVE STOCK

FOR SUCCESS IN GROWING CATTLE

Success in growing cattle for market depends to a large extent upon the start which is given the calves. This, aside from the calf's breeding, is probably the most important consideration. In straight beef production only a small quantity of feed in addition to milk is needed for the calves up to weaning time, but nevertheless they should be taught to eat grain and hay so that the change during weaning will not result in loss of flesh.

When calves are intended for baby beef they should be started on some grain when between four and six weeks old. A mixture of equal parts, by weight, of shelled corn, whole oats, and wheat bran is satisfactory. The corn and oats may be fed ground until the calves become accustomed to eating; then they may be fed whole. When fed whole they are less likely to cause scours. The grain allowance should be increased gradually up to weaning time so that the lack of milk will not hinder growth and fattening.

Calves from cows that are milked should be taught also to eat supplemented feeds within a few weeks after birth. The quantity of grain and hay consumed at first necessarily will be limited, but should be increased gradually until the calf can do without milk when from six to eight months old. Fall calves that are fed skim milk and other feeds during the winter months put on very good gains on pasture the following summer.

After weaning, alfalfa or clover hay and silage may form the greater part of the roughage and one-half to three-fourths of a pound of cottonseed meal or linseed meal given in addition to grain. The grain ration may be increased gradually until the calves are receiving a fattening ration.

Calves that are to be finished on pasture may be handled in about the same way as those to be fattened in the dry lot. The grain allowance may be smaller at first but after the calves are turned on pasture it should be increased as they become able to utilize greater quantities of grain.

Calves that are to be "fed out" as long yearlings or two-year-olds or sold as stockers and feeders may be fed considerably more cheaply during the first winter. The winter ration may consist principally of silage and cheap roughages, but some concentrates should be used to keep the calves growing in a thrifty condition. They should be run on pasture the following summer and sold in the fall as feeders or fattened out the following winter as long yearlings. If it is desired to keep them longer, the cattle may be "roughed" through a second winter and fattened the next year.

Salt Fed Regularly to Hogs Ideal Plan

Salt fed regularly to hogs will pay in added pounds of pork. Without it they cannot make the fastest and most economical gains nor remain in the healthiest condition. Hogs do not need as much salt as cows, but they must have some in order to carry on the digestive functions properly. Salt is used chiefly in making the hydrochloric acid of the digestive juice.

Salt may be fed free choice style to hogs. However, if they have been without it for a long time there is danger in feeding it that way until they become accustomed to it. A pig getting too much salt will die of salt poisoning. There is little danger if it is fed in the form of large hard chunks or bricks.

If hogs are used to salt it may be fed in flaked form in boxes or self feeders. It is well to mix the salt with the feed. A pound of salt to 100 pounds of feed mixture is sufficient. Salt may also be added to the mineral mixture.

Colt Needs Attention During Winter Season

A colt should be fed rolled oats or coarse ground oats three parts and one part coarse bran. Begin feeding it as soon as it is a month old, using about one-half pint of this mixture, and increasing it according to the breed and size of the colt until at six months old it is receiving four quarts daily on good pasture and good hay. If the foal's dam is working, wean it at four months of age; otherwise at five to six months of age. If milk is obtainable, begin at weaning time feeding the colt one quart three times a day. This will produce bone and tone up the coat. Above everything else, remember to have the colt out in the sun every day that it shines. Keep it out of rainstorms and snowstorms after the winter coat begins to grow. Brush the coat often.

Garbage-Fed Hogs

There still is a great difference of opinion among producers of garbage-fed hogs as to whether the hog raised on garbage from the beginning is better than if on the market at about 100 pounds weight. As a rule the hog accustomed to garbage early in his life should be more successful, since this feed is bulky and a greater stomach capacity is necessary. The hog raised on garbage is started as a garbage-fed pig and his stomach is capable of being distended.

Trent News and Personal Notes

Mrs. J. W. Reynolds has as her guest her sister from Turkey who has come to stay an indefinite time.

Mrs. J. A. McLaughlin was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Goode on Route 2 last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud McDonald announce the arrival of a baby girl born last Friday night. Mother and baby are both doing nicely.

Edward Rogers, who is attending Draughton's Business college at Abilene, spent the week-end with his parents. He has just won the honorable certificate in typing.

Thelma Nalley, assisted by Mrs. Joe Nalley, entertained the Seventh Graders Friday night with a party and all report a jolly good time.

Mrs. Snipe, who has been away for some two weeks, returned home last week. She was accompanied home by her son and his wife and baby of Milwaukee, who had been visiting in Dallas also. They returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen are in Greenville for an indefinite visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Gregory, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Tom Stephenson, called on Mrs. R. B. Johnson last week. Mrs. Gregory is Mrs. Johnson's mother and Mrs. Stephenson a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carzart are the happy parents of a baby girl born last Saturday morning.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son of Abilene spent Monday here with relatives.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian, High School room mother, honored the entire high school with a watermelon feast last Friday at 12:30 on the pretty lawn at her home. A thoroughly enjoyable time was reported.

Little Margie Jo Massey of Abilene visited her grandparents last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sipe.

The Baptist ladies met at Mrs. Leamon's last Thursday and quilted out two quilts. A large number of ladies were present and all report a pleasant as well as profitable afternoon. They also met with Mrs. Leamon on Monday of this week and pieced quilts. The next meeting will be the following Monday and also at Mrs. Leamon's.

Roger Williams, who has been working on the plains, returned home last week.

Grandmother Wright is a visitor in Abilene this week, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Johnson.

Brother McGinnis, Baptist pastor, filled his pulpit here last Sunday. Mrs. Clay Edwards had as her guest this week her sister, Mrs. Reed and baby, of Anson.

Charlie Bowers and wife of Abilene called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt visited relatives here last week-end.

Mrs. Mary Archer, in company with her daughter, Mrs. Murdock and husband and baby, motored to Westalla last Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Cole.

Jim Biler and Slim Messenger have returned after an absence of some time.

Ed Sherman is serving on the grand jury this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby are the happy parents of a new baby boy this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambless made a trip to the plains last week and Mrs. J. K. Winn accompanied them as far as Snyder, where she visited relatives. Miss Cora Scott returned to Abilene last Wednesday.

The Methodist quarterly conference met with the church here last Monday evening with a good attendance.

George Howell made a business trip to East Texas the first of the week.

Mrs. Haden, who has been visiting her mother at Sweetwater for some time, has returned home much improved in health.

Edith Nalley left last Wednesday to visit relatives in Turkey.

Mrs. Reynolds, who has been here on a visit with her sisters, Mrs. W. J. Reynolds and Mrs. Jess Nalley, returned to her home this week.

P. T. A. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE A SUCCESS.

On Oct. 29, the Trent P. T. A. met and enjoyed an interesting program, the high light of which was a talk on Child Training by the school superintendent, R. B. Jenkins.

A 400 page library book, dealing with every phase of Texas, history, soil, industries, legends, songs, etc., was purchased by the P. T. A. A reading circle was organized and will meet at the school building on the Tuesdays the P. T. A. doesn't meet. All mothers with children in school as well as those mothers who have children of pre-school age are urged to attend these meetings. In these meetings we shall find the real meaning and true benefits of Parent-Teacher work.

The membership drive exceeded our fondest expectations, as we now have forty paid members, Mrs. Reeves'

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—My house on Oak street; ideal location on Merkel's only paved residence street; will sacrifice for quick sale. L. B. Howard, Stamford, Texas.

TENTS, BEDDING and all kinds of stoves, new and second hand, for less at City Furniture. Joe Garland.

FOR SALE—Seven or eight tons of maize heads, \$25.00 per ton at the barn. 3 1-2 miles North of Noodle Dome on Tiner Farm. R. H. Clark.

FOR SALE—Dark Cornish chickens. See Bob Hicks at Liberty Hardware Co.

FOR SALE—60 bushels of Hastings' Red Seed oats, \$1.00 per bushel. Andrew Baker.

FOR SALE

Double disc plow.
Disc harrow.
Single planter.
One walking plow.
One row binder.
Wood wheel and iron wheel wagon.
Can be seen at my place on South side. Will sell separately; all in good condition; at a bargain.
John S. Hughes

FOR SALE—78 acre farm, 4 1-2 miles north of Merkel on Stith highway; good improvements; \$40 per acre, cash consideration. J. W. Pittman, Route 1.

FOR SALE—Any size from a city lot to 15 acres out of Haynes-Moody addition; one block of Grammar School. Terms to suit purchaser. See John S. Hughes.

LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.
Joe Hartley, H. P.
O. R. Dye, Secretary

room securing the picture with nine new members.

Mesdames Walker Steadman, M. G. Bryan and L. E. Adrian and Miss Burgess were elected as our four representatives to attend the county council meeting in Abilene next Saturday, giving us with our president and secretary six votes in the council.



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FURNISHED ROOM for rent see W. E. Lowe.

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LOST—Ford casing on rim. Andrew Baker.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

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This Saturday till next Saturday—one week only Boston Bargain Store Shoe Sale—20% Off.

I will buy your hogs at Market price. See O. F. Weidenbach at Quality Market.

Ladies! That you may get better acquainted with Sally Sweet Shoes—20% Off—one week only at the Boston Bargain Store.

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SPECIALS FOR Friday and Saturday

- FLOUR, Pride of Altus, 48's \$1.55
- FLOUR, Pride of Altus, 24's 80c
- SPUDS, Idaho Rurals, 10 lbs. 32c
- CABBAGE, nice and tender, lb. 4c
- LETTUCE, California, 5's, 3 heads, 25c
- SWEET POTATOES, Louisiana Reds, fine to bake, lb 3c
- SYRUP, Dixie's Best, 10 lb. pail 90c
- SYRUP Dixie's Best, 5 lb. pail 48c
- PEAS, Kuner's Economy, 2 lb., 2 cans 25c
- PEACHES, Delmonte sliced, 2 1-2 lb cans 23c
- COCOANUT, Dunham's, 1-4 lb. 9c
- BACON, Smoked Swift's Oxford, lb 23c
- BACON, Dry Salt, Swift's Oxford, lb. 19c
- PICKLES, Bulk, nice and fresh, 2 doz. 25c
- DRY APRICOTS, Slabs, nice new crop, 2 lbs. 35c
- COCOA, Hershey's Breakfast, 1-2 lb. 18c

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Sunday School Attendance.

On account of the rainy weather last Sunday the Sunday School attendance at all of the churches was reduced to some extent. The Baptist Sunday School led with 188 in attendance, while the Methodist had 156. The Church of Christ attendance was 62 and that at the Presbyterian church 39.

Ashcraft-Cathey.

At 6 p. m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at the home of foster-parents of the bride, Miss Nadine Cathey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Fields, and Elmer Lee Ashcraft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Ashcraft, were united in the bonds of matrimony, Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating. The young couple will make their home in this community where congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends have been showered upon them.

Wins First Prize.

C. L. Boswell, who has been engaged in the insurance line with the West Coast company at Blooming Grove for the past few months, won the first prize for the quarter, ending Sept. 30. He had been with the company only one month at that time and his success in winning the prize attests to his ability and reputation as a hustler.

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UNION RIDGE NEWS

A fine rain fell here Sunday morning.

Several from this community attended the party at the Pannell home Saturday night.

Rev. J. P. Watson of Trent preached a splendid sermon Sunday morning. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Shelton Sunday afternoon. T. B. Douglas left for Waco Friday where he will spend a few days. The Union Ridge school is progressing nicely.

Men's Prayer Meeting.

Eleven men were present at the prayer service last Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church when L. L. Murray was leader. The meeting next Sunday will be at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock and Herbert Patterson will be the leader. The lesson will be from 1 Kings, 19th chapter. All the men of the different churches in the city are urged to attend these meetings.

Jones County Association.

At the meeting of the Workers Conference of the Jones County Baptist association to be held next Tuesday at the First Baptist church at Hamlin, two Merkel pastors are on the program. Rev. Ira L. Parrack will speak at 10:40 in the morning on "Why the Church Budget?" and the sermon at 3:30 p. m. will be delivered by Rev. O. B. Tatum.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular services Sunday and during the week with the additional regular monthly meeting of the Sunday School Workers Monday evening and the church conference Wednesday evening. Sunday was rainy again but many of our people came on through the rain and mud. May we look for a full attendance Sunday and also for some new members in every department.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. service 6:30 with special music at the beginning. Come worship with us.

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The following is the program for the meeting of the Womans Missionary society to be held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian church:

Song, "Help Somebody Today." Devotional, Mrs. John Russell. "Yesterday and Today," Mrs. W. L. Diltz. Mrs. H. C. West. "The Building of a Hospital," Mrs. Andrew Baker. "Blue Dresses," Mrs. M. Smith. Editorials, Mrs. S. G. Russell and Miss Mary Kenney. Prayer.

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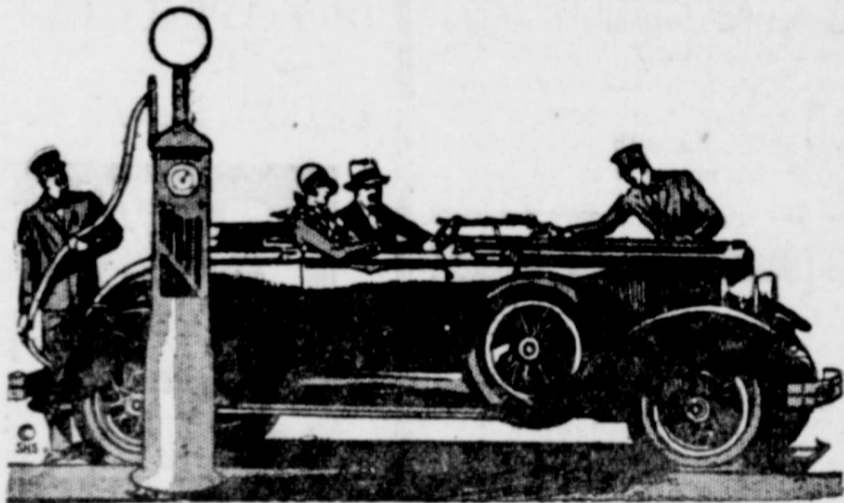
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THE SOPHOMORES

The Sophomores did not win the half holiday, for selling the most annuals, as they expected. It was not because there was not enough "pep" in the Sophomore class; it was just because the Juniors had just a few more dollars. The class is planning on showing its "pep" and loyalty to "old M. H. S." later on in the year.

Everyone was very sorry to hear that Ross Ferrier, one of our most beloved classmates, is suffering from a broken arm. Mr. Ferrier says it is improving nicely.

All of the Sophomores are expected to be at the Anson-Merkel game here Friday.

Our sponsor, Miss Sloan, spent the week-end in Whitewright visiting friends and relatives. She reported a very enjoyable trip.

ANSON HERE FRIDAY!

A hard fought game is expected Friday afternoon when the Anson Tigers are to play here. The Badgers are now tied with the Haskell Indians for first place in the district.

For this reason all Merkel people should be on the sideline "rooting for our Badgers."

The officials in the game are: Hill, A. C. C.; Mayhew, Abilene High; and Lusby, Simmons.

WEEK-END TRIP IN MUD.

Mr. Burgess returned to school Monday with a very muddy Pontiac. He tells us that he put his car over some two hundred and fifty miles of muddy road to Lubbock during the week-end.

The Juniors were sorry he could not attend their party but they hope he had a most enjoyable trip to Lubbock.

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

Choral and Glee clubs are working on new songs. They will sing several numbers on the night of the musical which will be given shortly Thanksgiving. Both clubs are looking forward to more members.

MORNING LAST YEAR'S QUOTES.

Merkel last year graduates in college are:
E. Cole, Texas University;
Edmond Earthman, Austin College;
Byron Patterson, North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington;
William Sheppard, Simmons;
William Smith, A. C. C., Abilene;
John Whiteaker, McMurry;
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Imogene Mangum, McMurry;
Elsie Richie, El Paso Nursing School;
Velma Walker, Paris Junior College;
Arlene Willett, Southwestern University, Georgetown.

PEP SQUAD.

The Pep Squad was out in full bloom, Monday afternoon and they are starting another hard week's work, getting in shape for the Anson game which will be played here on our own gridiron Friday.

The Pep Squad is going to try hard to give the football fans a good entertainment during the half but they are going to try harder to cheer the "Badgers" in winning a big victory over the Anson Tigers.

As every one knows, this is a conference game and the football boys and Pep Squad both will have to do their best to victorious over Anson. Let's all be out and see this game.

JUNIOR CLASS.

The Junior class proved to be the "peppiest" class last week, when they won the "Annual contest."

They are planning to make the half holiday a success, as they will not do anything besides their best.

They will vote soon on when they will take the holiday.

The class also wish to express their gratitude to all those that made their success by attending last Saturday night. They especially thank faculty for doing their part.

FRESHMEN HAVE MEETING.

Freshmen called a meeting Tuesday morning to select their color flowers. Green and gold were selected as colors and their flower, a burst rose. The class also selected a motto: "Sportmanship And

More Work Make Better Freshmen." We don't doubt at all that this is a good motto, but getting them to work is a new problem. Everything seems to be going good and we hope to keep it up. Last week the following officers were selected from the Freshmen class: president, Imogene Middleton; secretary and treasurer, Jack Tucker; reporter, Silas Stevens.

JOKES.

1
The Freshmen stood on the burning deck;

But as far as I could learn,
They stood in perfect safety,
They were too green to burn.

2
The butcher found a homeless dog
A wandering little bum,
And as he led him home he said,
"The worst is yet to come."

Mrs. Guitar: "How did you make it in your history examination?"

Fred: "Not so good! But what can you expect? They asked me about a lot of things that took place before I was born?"

Miss Martin: "You mustn't ask so many questions Sylvian. Don't you know that curiosity once killed a cat?"

Sylvian: "Why? What did the cat want to know?"

SALE OF ANNUALS

EXCEEDED REQUIREMENT.
The contest for the half holiday was a big success. More than the required amount of annuals were sold.

The Annual staff offered a half holiday to the class that sold the largest per cent of annuals.

The Juniors won the contest by a large margin. The required amount of Annuals has been sold, the Annual staff can get down to real business.

PERISCOPE NEEDED.

My idea of a good deed is this. For some good salesman to sell Mr. Davis a Periscope. This would enable him to look around the study hall doors and see if anyone was misbehaving, without being seen himself.

—Author Unknown.

THE SUNFLOWER.

(Written in praise of the Junior class flower.)

To the God of Sun
There is this beautiful one,
Who turns her golden tresses
For His warm caresses.

In the western climes z z
They use our choice of '29:
This flower of yellow and brown
Covering the landscapes of our town.

Every lad and lass,
Of the Junior class,
Chose it for its wildness,
And also for its comeliness.

We asked someone to search his mind
And discover a flower of the practical kind
And we'll be serious but not sour
And stand up for our flower.

Then old maids and misses all
Will say as the petals fall,
"He loves me, he loves me not"
The old saying will never be forgot.

So, you see, it's a flower of love.
It's a flower that grows above
The little darling sweet pea,
As the Senior flower will be.

We'll stand up for our flower
And let it stay in our bower;
And its yellow and brown
Will always being renown.

JUNIORS STAGE HALLOWEEN PARTY.

Last Saturday evening the Juniors enjoyed a unique Halloween party at the home of Beth Hamm. This was the greatest social event of the season for the Juniors.

The house was very spooky looking. It was decorated with witches, owls, cats, bats and all kinds of spooky-looking things—Who!!

Games of "42," pit, Pollyanna, Flinch and concentration were played during the evening. During the games stuffed dates were served in paper cups of orange and black. After several games a program was given.

First Miss Loyless played two piano numbers, then Himalaya Swafford played. Next Miss Tracy gave two short readings: "In the Usual Way,"

and "When de Folks is Gone." These gave everyone a good laugh. Last was a song, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" by the teachers present: Miss Baker, Miss Tracy, Miss Martin and Mr. Davis with Miss Loyless playing the accompaniment. (All those that were not present certainly missed something when they did not hear that song.)

On the refreshment plate of apple pie, topped with whip cream, olives and hot chocolate were fortunes for the boys and girls.

Those present were: Miss Baker sponsor of the Junior class, Miss Tracy, Miss Martin, Miss Loyless, Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Misses Beth Hamm, Margarette Turner, Himalaya Swafford, Inez Robbins, Lois Clark, Marie Stanford, Jess Higgins, Vera Richie, Audrey Ferris, Ola Smith, Thelma McAninch, Velma Lee Holden, Opal Foster, Willie Mae Swartz, Mattie Lou Largent and Messrs. Joel Darsey, Byron Patterson, H. H. Copeland, Fred Baker, Elvis Ash, Benny Sheppard, Baylor Amason, B. P. Middleton, Elvis Richardson, Alvin Parrack, Weldon Coats, Truit Meeks, George Woods and W. J. Derstine.

MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL DRAMATIC CLUB MEETS.

The Merkel High School Dramatic club assembled Friday evening slightly before eight o'clock for its first social and business meeting of the season. Miss Doris Brown, Miss Pauline Toombs, Tracy Campbell and Harold Boney were the amiable hostesses and hosts for the brilliant affair, which was held in Miss Lucy Tracy's studio in the high school building. Games of pit, hearts, travel, "42," flinch and dominoes were enjoyed by the teachers and club members present for an active half hour. During the intervals of the games, piano selections were played by Miss Himalaya Swafford, and Miss Artilee Simmons read a

highly amusing selection, "The Automobile Ride."

All those present walked to the Grammar School auditorium where they listened to the one-act play, "The Obstinate Family," given by Odell Hunter, Elvis Richardson, E. L. Turner, Verna T. Beasley, Orion Tittle and Frances Frederickson.

Before the guests left the auditorium, a short business meeting was held by the Dramatic Club members, over which Lee Darden, president of the Dramatic club, presided. The minutes of the club's organization meeting were read by Miss Beryl Hunter, secretary-treasurer of the Dramatic club. No business was presented, and when the motion for adjournment was made and seconded, the guests returned to Miss Tracy's studio. There a delicious and dainty lunch, consisting of dates and nut sandwiches, pimento and cheese sandwiches, and hot chocolate was served to the following teachers and club members: Mrs. Claude Young, Miss Vera Baker, Miss Julia Martin, Miss Donna Loyless, Mrs. Melvin S. Davis, Mr. Melvin S. Davis, Miss Tracy, J. D. Ashby, Verna T. Beasley, J. E. Boaz, Lona Bryan, Wesley Butler, Lucille Cole, Lee Darden, J. T. Darsey, Frances Frederickson, Fred Guitar, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Beth Hamm, Buster Horton, Beryl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Elvis Richardson, Hilda Rister, Artilee Simmons, Himalaya Swafford, Willie Mae Schwartz, Nadine Tippett, Orion Tittle, E. L. Turner, Tula Miller, Margaret Miller, Milton Case and hosts and hostesses.

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Announcement Party.

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A pastel color scheme depicting the rainbow colors was carried out in all game appointments in a setting of huge chrysanthemums.

Progressions of the games were interspersed with an appropriate reading, "A word from Old Married Folk," by Miss Lucy Tracy and a vocal number, "Until," by Mrs. E. Yates Brown.

At the refreshment hour delectable cream and cake were served with plate favors of miniature Cupids holding aloft a huge engagement ring bearing the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Althea Boden to Mr. Oscar Morris of Archer City.

The guest list included Misses Althea Boden, Johanie Sears, Lola Dennis, Maurine Tipton, Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Evelyn Curb, Vera Baker, Julia Martin, Mesdames Elmer Lowe, Bill Haynes, Fred Hughes, Byers Petty, W. S. J. Brown, Jack Anderson, Ira Windham, W. T. Sadler, Kenneth Pee, George Caple, George White, W. I. Crane, E. Yates Brown, Edward McCrary and the hostesses.

VANITY SHOWER.

Miss Maurine Tipton entertained on Wednesday afternoon complimenting Miss Althea Boden, whose engagement was announced last Friday, with a vanity shower.

An attractive color theme of pink and green was given emphasis in masked pink roses and in table appointments for bridge games. Tallies were in bridal motif and other party accessories were pink baskets, marking places filled with green mints.

Bridge games held the interest of the guests until tea time when Miss Tipton, assisted by Mrs. Edward McCrary, passed a delectable salad plate with coffee, the plate favors being pink umbrellas with Cupids which were suggestive of an approaching shower. A messenger boy presented Miss Boden with a beautifully decorated hat box containing an attractive display of vanity articles, gifts of Misses Lola Dennis, Valerie Dye, Vera Baker, Evelyn Curb, Lucy Tracy, Mona Margaret Jones, Vennie Heizer, Johnnie Sears, Mesdames George White, Jack Anderson, W. T. Sadler, Kenneth Pee, Edward McCrary, W. S. J. Brown, George Caple, I. B. Crane, O. B. Boden, Earl Baze, Watkins, W. E. Lowe, Bill Haynes and the hostess.

CLASS PARTY.

Miss Sarah Sheppard, assisted by her mother, Mrs. W. J. Sheppard, delightfully entertained members of her Sunday School class on Wednesday afternoon, complimenting them with a Halloween party.

The entertaining rooms were beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and a profusion of witches, black cats, pumpkins, red devils, skeletons and spooks.

Games appropriate to the season were played indoors and at the refreshment hour delicious apple pie with whipped cream and hot chocolate were served. Plate favors were black cats and pumpkins containing individual fortunes for the guests.

Those enjoying this pleasant hospitality were Mrs. W. I. Crane, sponsor, Miss Addie Holler, teacher, Margaret Miller, Ruby and Alice Carey, Nell Hughes, Elma Mae Gamble and the hostess.

HALLOWEEN PARTY.

The parlors of the Methodist church were the scene of a gala affair on last Thursday afternoon when Mesdames R. A. Burgess, E. V. Touchstone, Joe Rysinger, Misses Mossie Sears and Orpha Patterson were joint hostesses to members of the junior department of the Sunday School and Junior Epworth League members, complimenting them with a Halloween party.

All guests arrived in costume, entering rooms appropriately decorated to form a perfect background for Halloween games and contests.

At the refreshment hour a delicious sandwich plate with punch was served; plate favors were witches fashioned of candy. Approximately fifty guests enjoyed these ladies' hospitality.

B. Y. P. U. HAYRIDE.

Members of the Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church enjoyed a wicker roast and hayride on Tuesday evening held in Teaff's pasture.

By the light of a huge bonfire many outdoor games were played and stunts were performed, the feature entertainment being the cooking of the evening meal and toasting of marshmallows. Messrs. and Mesdames L. B. Scott and Byers Petty acted as

chaperones to approximately fifty guests.

FIDELIS MATRONS ENTERTAINED.

On Monday Mrs. Byers Petty entertained the Fidelis Matrons and an enjoyable and profitable hour was spent. The devotional and prayer was led by Mrs. W. W. Haynes and this was followed by a business session. Lovely yellow chrysanthemums adorned the entertaining rooms which featured the Halloween motif with witches and ghosts, black cats and goblins in the predominating colors of black and orange. The plate favors also carried out the Halloween idea with the fortunes of each indicated.

A refreshment plate of apple pie, topped with whipped cream, olives and coffee, with carrots fashioned out of cheese and further emphasizing the party colors, was served to Mesdames Bill Fugat, W. W. Haynes, Floyd Fry, Dave Windham, George Caple, Kirby Beckett and Melvin Davis.

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.

When the Junior B. Y. P. U. gathered at the Baptist church Thursday night, it was in the nature of a costume party and as one of the features carrying out this idea the guests were invited into a booth where Katherine Copeland acted as the fortune-teller, Mollye Frank Touchstone in witches costume serving as the usher.

Mrs. Byers Petty is the leader of the Junior B. Y. P. U. and about thirty-five were present. Apples, candies and peanuts in individual sacks were served at the refreshment hour.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

The annual District assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, which convened at Abilene Oct. 22-27, was well attended by the Merkel people. The local church was represented by the following delegates and ordained elders: Jim Ashcraft, representative of the N. Y. P. S.; J. I. Northcutt, representative of the Sunday School; Miss Gussie Bledsoe and Mrs. Fannie King as elected delegates; Rev. J. F. Hendrix, Rev. Mrs. Emma Jones, Rev. S. W. H. Buzbee and the local pastor. In addition to these regular delegates, a number of the members of the church as well as other friends were present.

The same pastor has been recalled for another year and we are starting into this new assembly year with renewed courage and determination to be a greater blessing to our town and surrounding community than ever before.

Although a great number of our people are away at work at this time let us who remain be faithful and at our post of duty at each regular service.

The message for the eleven o'clock hour Sunday will be from the subject, "The Christians Charge," Text, 1 Chro. 9-27. The subject for the evening hour will be, "The Lord's Requirements," Text Deut. 10:12-13.

We extend a hearty invitation for you to come worship with us.

Leona Forbes, Pastor.

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Personal Mention

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Ira Windham is in Corpus Christi on business this week.

Messrs. J. T. Dennis and J. H. Grayson were in Sweetwater Tuesday.

C. C. Montandon and family are removing this week to Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee from Sweetwater visited relatives here Sunday.

Wren Durham and Billie Cobb were visitors to the Dallas Fair last week-end.

Supt. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess were week-end visitors with relatives in Lubbock.

Mrs. Sam Cummings has as her guest her sister, Mrs. C. C. Prideaux, of Fort Worth.

Miss Norma Shannon was a recent visitor with Miss Ona Lee Richards in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes Sunday.

Robert H. Reed of Dalhart visited the first of the week with his brother, O. W. Reed and family.

Miss Allyne Riley has gone to Pleasant Valley, near Stamford, where she will teach school this year.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell and Miss Allyne Riley were visitors to the Dallas Fair last week-end.

Miss Jessie Rodden was called to Dallas last week-end on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Hugh G. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie French of Beaumont were the week-end guests of their cousin, Mrs. G. W. Boyce and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dubree, who have been engaged in farming in this community for several years, have removed to Stanton.

Mrs. O. W. Reed and daughter, Miss Alice, motored to Abilene on business Wednesday and returning visited Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clark here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Wade of Pittsburgh, Pa., who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Delmer, left Thursday for their home.

Messrs. M. B. Bell and Fred C. Hughes have been doing jury service in the federal court in Abilene this week and may be on duty another week.

Mrs. C. I. Starr, wife of Mr. Starr, owner of the Starr's Variety Store here, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wright of Carbon, Mr. Wright being manager of the Starr Variety store there, were visitors here last Sunday.

W. R. Layne, who has made many friends during his residence here in the employ of the Bridgeport Machine company, left Wednesday for Hobbs, New Mexico, where he will be associated with the same concern.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brubeck, who have been residents of Merkel for the past few years, are removing to Eldorado the latter part of the week. They will visit relatives in Cross Plains en route to their new home.

Mrs. L. B. Scott and children, Burneal and the baby, have returned from Ferris, Texas. They were accompanied by W. W. Bain, Mrs. Scott's grandfather, who has been visiting here for the past several months and who remained in Ferris.

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Farm Bureau Ass'n Explains Loan Plan

In a letter to A. J. Canon of the Farm Bureau Gin, Harry Williams, general manager of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, gives specific information with reference to the offer of the Federal Farm Board to make loans to cotton cooperatives to the extent of an average of 16c per pound on middling 7-8" staple cotton.

After illustrating how advances would be to the members on the basis indicated, Mr. Williams states in his letter, dated October 28, 1929:

"We will be in a position in approximately three weeks to complete a loan with the Farm Board on cotton already received and make a distribution to members who have shipped to the season pool on 16.25c middling basis, according to grade and staple. Members who ship now to the seasonal pool will receive the regular advance at this time, which is 12c a pound, and as soon as the cotton is graded and classed, the additional advance will be available.

"This loan that the Farm Board is making to us is for the benefit of the members only and the advances which we make will be strictly in line with the loans which we can secure from the board.

"I spent all of last week in Washington, working out the details with representatives of the Farm Board and only Saturday the documents were completed. Those documents must be signed, certified to, etc., and reach Washington for approval before a loan will be available to us and certainly no time will be lost in this office in completing them. However much time that will take is a matter of conjecture. They understand though the importance of speedy action, especially in this state before all the cotton is gone."

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